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14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 15 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

17 IN RE RUBBER CHEMICALS ANTITRUST) 18 LITIGATION) 19) 20) 21 THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:) 22 <i>Bridgestone Americas Holding, Inc., et al.</i>) <i>v. Chemtura Corporation, et al.</i>)	MDL Docket No. C 04-1648 MMC Individual Case No. C 06-5700 MMC JOINT STATUS STATEMENT AND ORDER CONTINUING STATUS CONFERENCE
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23 Pursuant to this Court's Order dated August 18, 2008, the Parties to the above-entitled
 24 individual action—(1) Plaintiff Bandag, Incorporated (n/k/a Bridgestone Bandag, LLC)
 25 (“Bandag”), (2) Defendants Chemtura Corporation and Uniroyal Chemical Company, Inc. (now
 26 merged into Chemtura Corporation) (collectively “Chemtura”) and (3) Defendant James J.
 27 Conway—jointly submit this Joint Status Statement.
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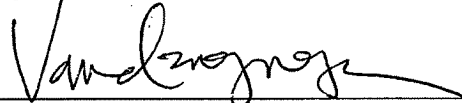
1 In their recent Joint Status Statements, the Parties informed the Court that they had
2 reached agreement on the contours of a proposal that would utilize a fully litigated and binding
3 arbitration to try this case. The Parties also informed the Court that, pursuant to Chemtura's
4 existing settlement agreements, a third-party neutral (Mary Jo White of Debevoise & Plimpton
5 LLP) has been appointed to ensure compliance with certain provisions in those agreements, and
6 that Chemtura intended to submit the binding arbitration proposal to the third-party neutral to
7 confirm that it does not trigger any obligations under existing settlement agreements, which
8 Chemtura believes is the case.

9 In the August 15, 2008 Joint Status Statement (Master Docket # 702, Individual Docket #
10 248), Chemtura reported to the Court that it had submitted the arbitration proposal to the third-
11 party neutral and was awaiting a response to its request. The third-party neutral has informed
12 Chemtura that the arbitration will not trigger any obligations under existing settlement
13 agreements. Accordingly, the Parties anticipate that they will submit a Stipulation to Submit to
14 Arbitration to the Court for its endorsement, approval, and signature by September 19, 2008.
15 With the Court's permission, the Parties request that the status conference scheduled for
16 September 19, 2008 be continued until October 3, 2008, through telephonic or in-person
17 appearances, should the Court deems it necessary. Should the Court need any additional
18 information, the Parties would be pleased to provide it.

19 Respectively submitted,

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21 Dated: September 12, 2008

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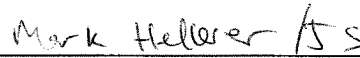
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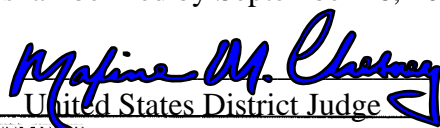
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ORDER

Good cause appearing, the Status Conference is hereby CONTINUED to September 19,
2008 to October 3, 2008. A Joint Status Statement shall be filed by September 26, 2006.

DATED: September 15, 2008

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United States District Judge